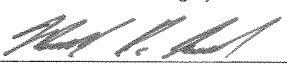


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Madame:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated November 13, 2008, and is timely filed. Should any additional fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under order no. 31511/43664A. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification none.

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